



KTUN-110 – Ktunaxa Language Level 1

University Arts and Science

Effective Term & Year: Winter 2027
Course Outline Review Date: 2032-09-01

Program Area: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Description:

The Ktunaxa Nation is a cross-border community with a traditional territory spanning 70,000 km². The Ktunaxa language isolate is over 10,000 years old and unrelated to neighboring language families. This course supports curious and emerging language learners through mixed synchronous/asynchronous online learning. Students will develop Ktunaxa pronunciation and comprehension skills while building conversational vocabulary. Further, students will learn how to be appropriately informed by Ktunaxa worldviews and ways of knowing in daily life.

Program Information:

This course can be used as an elective towards a certificate, diploma, or associate degree within several College of the Rockies Programs.

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Delivery Methods: Online

Credit Type: College of the Rockies Credits

Credits: 3

Course type/s: Humanities

Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	45
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	15
Practicum/Field Experience	
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	60

Course Requisites:

None

Prior Learning and Recognition: Yes

Students are able to request formal recognition of their prior learning or experience outside the classroom. Challenge examination, portfolio-assisted assessment, work-based assessment or a combination of assessments that is appropriate to identify, assess, and recognize prior skills, competencies, and knowledge to achieve course credit. Tuition fees apply, refer to Policy 2.5.5 [Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition \(PLAR\)](#) or contact an education advisor for more information.

Course Transfer Credit:

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at either British Columbia or Alberta institutions, please see <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/> or <https://transferalberta.alberta.ca> . For more transfer credit information, please visit <https://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in British Columbia or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrollment Service office.

Textbook Resources:

Required Textbook: *n?uk?i?ni kak?aquxmaqa ?a·ki¢??a?in (One Green Tree)*. Ktunaxa Traditional Knowledge and Language, Elizabeth Gravelle, and Dorothy Alpine.

Optional/Recommended Textbook: *Kootenai Dictionary: Ksanka ?a·k?ukaqwum*. Kootenai Culture Committee: Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

~~(Please Note: This resource will be required in upper-level Ktunaxa language courses offered at COTR).~~

Additional Free, Online Resources:

- Keyboard Font: Ktunaxa font (Available at <http://www.aqam.net/news/ktunaxa-font>)
- First Voices- Ktunaxa (Online Website): www.firstvoices.ca

This course requires internet access and an electronic device with the capability to record, save, and upload audio files onto the COTR Online/Moodle webpage. Additional required equipment: headphones, microphone, and webcam.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of *Ktunaxa Level 1* students will be able to:

- produce core Ktunaxa sounds accurately, demonstrating foundational pronunciation skills;
- explore the complexity and descriptive nature of the thousands-years-old Ktunaxa language, including what it means for a language to exist as an isolate;
- apply beginner Ktunaxa language skills in day-to-day communication, including responding conversationally to Ktunaxa phrases and commands;
- apply culturally appropriate context and specificity when using terminology such as kinship words and relational phrases;
- introduce and locate oneself in the Ktunaxa language;
- examine the interconnectedness and inseparability of language, worldview, place, land, and relationships between all living things, as expressed in the Ktunaxa worldview; and
- develop their knowledge and understanding of Ktunaxa culture, spirituality, and worldviews.

Course Topics:

- Ktunaxa Sounds, Vocal Exercises and Words
- Introducing Oneself
- Everyday/Conversational Greetings, Phrases, and Remarks
- Everyday Words for School-related Items, Clothing, etc.
- Numbers and Counting
- Animal Names
- Beginner Nouns and Beginner Verbs
- Colours
- Days of the Week, Months, Four Seasons, and Four Directions
- Describing Emotions and Feelings
- Kinship and Familial Terms
- Weather Phrases/Describing Weather

Evaluation and Assessments

Assessment Type: Online

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Participation, Attendance, & Engagement	15%
Reflective Journals	10%
Weekly Sound-Based Assignments	30%
Midterm-Project: Self-Introduction	15%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

Grade Scheme

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
>=90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	<50

Evaluation Notes: A grade of D (50%) grants credit but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses and/or for transfer to other institutions.

Exam Attendance:

Students must attend all scheduled exams at the appointed time and place. Instructors may approve an alternate exam to accommodate an illness or personal crisis. Department heads will consider other written requests. Any student who misses a scheduled exam without prior approval will receive a "0" on the exam.

Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at <https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/> and include the following:

- Policy 2.1.4 Course Audit
 - Policy 2.4.1 Credential Framework
 - Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
 - Policy 2.4.4 Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct
 - Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
 - Policy 2.4.9 Student Feedback and Concerns
 - Policy 2.4.11 Storage of Academic Works
 - Policy 2.5.3 Student Appeal
 - Policy 2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)
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Course Changes:

The College of the Rockies updates course outlines regularly to meet changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will notify students in writing of any updates to this outline during the semester. The instructor reserves the right to revise, add or delete material while meeting the learning outcomes of this course outline.